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Synopsis of Legislative Proceedings.

SENATE.

Jan. 22.

Mr. Graves, from the delegation, reported back and recommended the passage of Assembly Bill No. 101—An Act to re-incorporate the town of San Buenaventura and approving certain ordinances of the Town Trustees.

Mr. Neff introduced a proposed amendment to Section 13, Article 5 of the Constitution of this State.

The bill proposes to amend Section 13, Article 5 of the Constitution so as to permit the discontinuance of the laws in Spanish, and read as follow:

"All laws, decrees, regulations and provisions which from their nature require publication shall be published in such manner as the Legislature may require.

The Bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A message was received from the Governor stating that he had approved Senate Bill No. 8—An Act to repeal an Act concerning roads on highways in the State, and the passage of the laws in Spanish, and read as follow:

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The Bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Pendegast, from the Judiciary Committee, on leave, reported back Assembly Bill No. 25—An Act to protect agriculture, and to prevent the trespassing of animals upon private property in the counties of Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Ventura and Santa Barbara—with amendments, and recommended the adoption of the amendments and the passage of the Bill as amended.

ASSEMBLY.

Mr. Bowers presented a petition signed by fifty-one business men and mercantile firms of San Diego, asking that the law regulating licensees in the State be amended.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Bowers gave notice of an Act to amend an Act relating to the trespassing of animals in San Diego and Los Angeles counties, and part of Monterey county.

Senate Bill No. 33—An Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to encourage the destruction of squirrels, gophers, and other wild animals of this State, approved February 13, 1872, so far as it relates to the county of Los Angeles—was passed.

FREIGHTS AND FARES.

Mr. Estee's bill to regulate freights and fares on the railroads came up again in the Senate on Thursday.

The question was upon the adoption of the amendment of Mr. Tinnin, to strike out the word "three," in line of Section 4 of the bill as printed, and insert in lieu thereof the word "four."

REMARKS.

Mr. Estee hoped the amendment would not be adopted, because it would make the rate for freight more than it is at present. As to the bill as it stands it would be an injustice to the people of the State. He believed it would be proper to accept the bill. If the amendment proposed by Mr. Tinnin should be adopted it would operate with great hardship on persons shipping freight between certain points. He was in favor of a bill regulating freights and fares, but he wanted to have the matter deliberately considered and wisely treated. He thought it was hardly wise to frame an Act regulating freights on railroads where the costs of the railroads and the amount of transportation are not taken into consideration.

Mr. Swift said no people could be prosperous or free unless they retained control of the means of communication. People are beginning to think on the subject, and they demand the passage of a law which should regulate freights and fares.

Mr. Estee said he believed the principle of the bill was right but there were some provisions in it that needed amendment.

Mr. Aldrich was in favor of the bill to regulate freights and fares, but thought the one under consideration was defective, because it only took into account the matters of distance and grades, ignoring competition, quantity of freight and so on. In its present condition it would not be satisfactory to the people, not only for the reasons named, but because it increased freight between certain points.

Mr. Amerman said the bill in its present shape seemed so crude that he thought time ought to be given to prepare amendments to it. Really this is a remarkable bill. Its title is a misnomer. It should have been called "An Act to inflict upon certain counties of this State injunct and onerous burdens."

Mr. Barton was in favor of a bill that would lay a broad foundation on this great question of regulating freights and fares, and which would operate without injustice to the people or to the railroad company. He did not think that the bill before the House was such a one as was demanded by the people.

Mr. Coggins did not see any danger of the railroad company raising its rates of freight or fares between populous and wealthy localities. Competition would prevent such increase of rates. But in thinly settled districts, and where the people were poor, they might suffer much from the extortions of the company.

The motion to make further consideration of this bill the special order for Saturday at one o'clock p. m., and Tuesday at one o'clock p. m. was carried.

THE NO FENCE LAW.

The Senate then went into a Committee of the Whole to consider Assembly Bill No. 25—An Act to protect agriculture and prevent the trespassing of animals upon private property in the counties of Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Ventura and Santa Barbara.

The following amendments recommended by the Judiciary Committee were adopted:

To amend the first section by making it read as follows from line 22 of the printed bill: "Setting forth in said complaint the facts, nature and loca-

tion and amount of damages claimed and a description of all animals so taken, the the number, the marks and brands, if any, and the supposed value of each animal, or the supposed aggregate value of such animals."

To amend the third section by striking out the word "believed," in line 16 of the printed bill, and inserting instead the words "alleged in said complaint," so as to make that portion of the sentence read as follows: "provided, that in any case where any animal or animals are sold under this Act are alleged in said complaint to be worth \$50 or more, it shall be the duty of the County Recorder," etc.

To amend the fourth section by striking out the words "six months," in line 10, and the same words in line 12 of the printed bill, so that the right to redeem animals sold under the provisions of this Act shall be confined to a period of sixty days after the sale.

To amend section 7 so as to make it read as follows:

SEC. 7.—Any person who shall drive stock from any lands or possessory claim other than his own, to any other lands or possessory claim, or shall take up any other claim than his own, for the purpose of taking advantage of any of the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a felony; and any person who shall fail or neglect to give the notice required by section 2 of this Act, or shall rescue or take from the possession of the taker-up any animal or animals, without first having paid the compensation, fees and damage claimed or awarded, and any officer violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

To amend section 8 by striking out the words "trouble," in line six of the printed bill, so as to make the last part of the last sentence read: "and if judgment be rendered in his favor it shall be entered for the amount of the actual damage proved."

To strike out the whole of section 9, which was as follows:

SEC. 9.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent persons from driving stock through uncultivated lands not fenced, while passing from one locality to another, or for the purpose of watering said stock at natural watering places while so driven; provided, however, that the owner of such land may point out roadways that are practicable for the purpose, which must be followed by the watering place and back.

To amend section 12 by striking out the words "20th day of February," in lines 25 and 26 of the printed bill, and inserting "first day of March." He referred to the time of the Act taking effect in certain districts. Also to amend the same section by inserting after the words "shall take effect," in line 26, the words "in the remaining portions of said counties on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1874, and in the county of San Luis Obispo on the 1st day of May, 1874," and to strike out the remainder of the section. [In reference to the Act taking effect and rendered inconsistent by the passage of the above amendments.]

Mr. Lindsey said he had certain amendments to Section 12, sent in by Assemblmen Canfield and Tully.

The amendments are as follows:

To strike out all between the words "west," in line 15 of the printed bill, and "to," in line 17, and inserting instead "seven miles to the southeast corner of section 1, township 30 south, range 24 east; thence south on section line," and also to strike out the word "four," in line 19 and insert "five," and to add the word "Monterey," after the words "San Luis Obispo" (occurring in the Judiciary Committee) to the section of the bill.

The amendments were adopted.

Mr. Lindsey moved to amend Section 11 by adding to the section the words "so far as the same apply to the territory embraced in the provisions of this Act," so as to make it read: "Section 11. All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed so far as the same apply to the territory embraced in the provisions of this Act."

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pendegast, the Secretary was authorized to make the corrections in the numbering of the sections made necessary by striking out Section 9.

The Senate concurred in the amendments made in Committee of the Whole.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

The title was amended so as to read as follows, and then adopted:

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